



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3673

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Examiner: A. PICKARD

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For: SEALING ARRANGEMENT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the attached Request for Continued Examination, and in reply to the January 9, 2006, mailed Office Action, reconsideration of the application is requested.

In paragraph 8, on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 23, 24 and 26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates this indication of allowability but submits that all claims in the application are allowable.

In paragraph 2, on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1, 6, 7, 11-15, 17-19, 22, 26 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Macks, U.S. Patent No. 2,964,339. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant's invention of claim 1, the independent claim, calls for, among other features, the sealing member being in communication with a housing via resilient means, wherein the resilient means is fixedly joined to the upstream surface of the sealing member